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Spelling, Vocabulary, and Confusing Words

Because many words in English sound or look alike, frequently causing confusion, this list will be very helpful.

a vs. an	**Rule. Use *a* when the first letter of the word following has the sound of a consonant. Keep in mind that some vowels sound like consonants when they're sounded out as individual letters.** **Examples:** • ***a finger*** • ***a hotel*** • ***a U-turn* (pronounced You-turn)** • ***a HUD program*** • ***a NASA study*** **Rule. Use *an* when the first letter of the word following has the sound of a vowel. Remember that some consonants sound like vowels when they're spoken as individual**

	letters. Examples: • *an FBI case* (*F* is pronounced *ef* here) • *an honor* (*H* is silent here) • *an unusual idea* • *an HMO plan* (*H* is pronounced *aitch* here) • *an NAACP convention* (*N* is pronounced *en* here) Deciding whether to use *a* or *an* before abbreviations can be tricky. The abbreviation for Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) causes confusion because it can be pronounced as a word (fak), or one letter at a time (F-A-Q). Using the guidelines above, one would say *a FAQ* when it is pronounced as one word, and *an FAQ* when it is pronounced one letter at a time.
accept except	to agree; to receive but, with the exception that

ad **add**	**advertisement** **to perform addition**
ades **aides** **AIDS** **aids**	**fruit drinks** **people who help; assistants** **acronym for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome** **helps, assists**
adverse **averse**	**unfortunate; strongly opposed (refers to things, not people)** ***Examples: an adverse reaction to the medication*** ***adverse weather conditions*** **having repugnance (refers to people)** ***Example: He is averse to a military draft.***
advice (noun) **advise (verb)**	**recommendation** **the act of giving a recommendation**
affect vs. effect	**Rule 1. Use *effect* when you mean *bring about* or *brought about, cause* or *caused.*** ***Example: He effected a commotion in the crowd.*** ***Meaning:* He caused a**

	commotion in the crowd. **Rule 2. Use *effect* when you mean *result.*** ***Example: What effect did that speech have?*** **Rule 3. Also use *effect* whenever any of these words precede it: *a, an, any, the, take, into, no.* These words may be separated from *effect* by an adjective.** ***Examples: That book had a long-lasting effect on my thinking.*** ***Has the medicine produced any noticeable effects?*** **Rule 4. Use the verb *affect* when you mean *to influence* rather than *to cause.*** ***Example: How do the budget cuts affect your staffing?*** **Rule 5. *Affect* is used as a noun to mean *emotional expression.*** ***Example: She showed little affect when told she had won the lottery.***

ail **ale**	**to be ill; to cause pain or distress** **malt beverage more bitter than beer**
air **err** **heir**	**what we breathe** **make a mistake** **one who inherits something**
aisle **I'll** **isle**	**passageway** **contraction for *I will*** **a small island**
all **awl**	**entire, everything** **a tool**
allot **a lot**	**to parcel out** **always two words meaning *many***
allowed **aloud**	**gave permission to** **said out loud; spoken**
all ready **already**	**means *all are ready*** ***Example: We are all ready to go.*** **refers to time** ***Example: Is it summer already?***
all together **altogether**	**refers to a group; all of us or all of them together** ***Example: It is wonderful to be all together to celebrate your birthday.*** **entirely**

	Example: It is not altogether his fault.
altar alter	pedestal, usually religious *Example: They exchanged wedding vows at the altar of the church.* to modify *Example: Please don't alter your plans until we have the final schedule approved.*
allude elude illude	to refer indirectly *Example: He alluded to his past as a spy.* avoid capture *Example: The fugitive eluded the police for a month.* mislead *Example: He illuded her about his age.*
allusion illusion	an indirect mention of something false perception
ambiguous ambivalent	to have more than one meaning *Example: The law was ambiguous.* to have mixed feelings *Example: She is ambivalent about her wedding dress.*

amicable **amiable**	**friendly (refers to things, not people)** **friendly (refers to people)** ***Example: The amiable couple had an amicable divorce.***
among **between**	**involves three or more** ***Example: Who among us has not lied?*** **involves just two** ***Example: She couldn't decide between Chinese and Thai food.***
amount **number**	**used for things not countable** ***Example: We couldn't handle that amount of ill will.*** **used for things that can be counted** ***Example: The number of accidents increased by ten percent.***
ant **aunt**	**a bug** **the sister of a parent**
ante **auntie**	**a bet placed before playing** **affectionate term for a parent's sister**
anxious	**to have anxiety or worry** ***Example: She is anxious***

eager	*about taking the test.* excited *Example: She is eager to get a puppy.*
any more anymore	something additional or further *Example: It didn't rain any more this year than last year.* any longer, nowadays *Example: Harry doesn't travel anymore.*
appraise apprise	to put a value on something to notify
arc ark	arch, crescent, half moon a vessel or a refuge
ascent (noun) assent (noun or verb) consent	movement upward enthusiastic agreement; to agree agreement
assistance (noun) assistants (noun)	help people who help
assumption presumption	an idea not based on evidence an idea based on evidence
assure	to promise or say with

ensure **insure**	**confidence** **to make sure something will/won't happen** **to issue an insurance policy**
ate **eight**	**past tense of *eat*** **the number after *seven***
aural **oral**	**having to do with hearing** **having to do with the mouth**
averse	**(see *adverse*)**
awed **odd**	**in a state of amazement** **unusual; opposite of *even* when referring to numbers**
aye **eye** **I**	**yes** **organ one sees with** **pronoun**
bald **bawled**	**having no hair** **cried**
ball **bawl**	**a sphere** **to cry or wail loudly**
band **banned**	**a group, sometimes a group of musicians** **forbidden**
bare **bear**	**naked, unconcealed, plain** **the animal**
base	**the bottom; vulgar;**

bass	**headquarters (singular) low vocal or instrumental range (pronounced like *lace*); a type of fish (pronounced like *lass*)**
based baste	**be dependent or supported to moisten; to criticize or lash out at**
bases (noun, verb) basis (noun)	**headquarters (plural of *base*); builds on foundation; belief**
be bee	**to exist or live insect**
beach beech	**sandy area with water type of tree with smooth, gray bark**
beat beet	**to strike violently; to flutter or flap; to pound as with a drum; to defeat; to stir vigorously a plant with a fleshy red or white root**
beau bough (noun) bow (noun) bow (noun, verb)	**boyfriend (pronounced like *owe*) branch of a tree (pronounced like *cow*) part of a set with arrows (pronounced like *owe*) boat front, a male's form**

	of curtsy, bending at the waist; comply (pronounced like *cow*)
because vs. since	**Rule. *Because* and *since* can be used almost interchangeably although *because* always indicates cause and effect and *since* is used for a relationship or time. *Example: Since I have some extra money, I will buy shoes.* (not cause and effect) *Example: I will go to the game because my daughter is on the team.* (cause and effect) *Example: I have wanted to talk to you since yesterday.* (time)**
been bin	**form of *be* used with *has* or *have* container**
bell belle	**chime or alarm; a signal beautiful or charming woman**
berth birth	**a boat dock; bedroom or bed being born; beginning**
better	**of higher quality**

bettor	someone who places bets
between	(see *among*)
biannual biennial semiannual	twice a year every two years twice a year (same as *biannual*)
bite byte	to use one's teeth to tear food computer term for eight bits of information
billed build	charged a fee construct
blew blue	past tense of *blow* the color
bloc block	a group united for a particular purpose city street; a cube-shaped object
boar bore	male pig someone or something not interesting
board bored	piece of wood; a group of people uninterested
boarder border	someone who pays for room and food perimeter; boundary
bode	predict

bowed	**bent (pronounced like *owed*)**
bold **bowled**	**daring** **to have gone bowling; knocked over**
bolder **boulder**	**more daring** **a large rock**
boos **booze**	**sounds made by disapproving audience** **alcohol**
bough	**(see *beau*)**
bow	**(see *beau*)**
boy **buoy**	**male child** **a naval beacon or marker**
brake **break**	**stop** **separate into pieces**
bread **bred**	**a food; slang for *money*** **past tense of *breed*; raised**
brewed **brood (verb, noun)**	**fermented** **mull over; a cluster or family**
brews **bruise**	**ferments** **a black-and-blue mark, contusion**
bridal **bridle**	**relating to brides** **a harness, usually for a**

	horse
bring take	you bring something towards you take something away
broach brooch	to raise a topic a bauble; a piece of jewelry
brows browse	the hairs in the arch above the eyes search for, peruse
but butt (noun/verb)	except bottom; joke object; to ram
buy by bye	purchase, acquire near, next to short for *goodbye*
cache cash	hidden stash money
calendar colander	chart of days and months sieve to drain off liquids
can may	able to permission to
cannon canon	large, mounted gun rule, commandment
canvas canvass	awning cloth, tarp to poll; a poll
capital	assets; essential; main

capitol	**city** **statehouse**
carat **caret** **carrot** **karat**	**unit of weight in gemstones** **a proofreading mark to show insertion (^)** **edible root** **a unit for measuring the fineness of gold**
cast (noun, verb) **caste**	**group of actors; to throw** **a social class, a rigid system of social distinctions**
cay **key** **quay**	**a small, low island (also spelled *key*)** **a small, low island; instrument for opening locks** **(pronounced *key*) wharf, dock, pier**
cede **seed**	**to surrender** **reproductive germ**
cell **sell**	**prison room; basic structural unit of an organism** **to exchange for money**
censor (verb, noun) **censure**	**disallow; person who disallows** ***Example: The soldier's letters were censored***

sensor	*before mailing.* to disapprove of; criticize strongly *Example: The children were censured by the principal.* a device that measures heat, light, etc. and transmits a signal to a control or measuring instrument
cent scent sent	a penny a smell, aroma transmitted
cereal serial	breakfast food a series or array
chance chants	accident(al) chorus, melody
chased chaste	went after pure, virginal
chews choose	how one eats food with teeth to pick
childish childlike	immature innocent
Chile chili chilly	a country in South America a type of pepper; a dish with peppers in it cold, brisk

choral **coral** **chorale** **corral**	**a cappella, singing without instruments** **material that makes up reefs; orange color** **a hymn, a choir** **horse pen**
chord **cord** **cored**	**three or more musical tones sounded simultaneously; line segment joining two points on a curve** **a rope or strand of flexible material** **removed the center of something**
chute **shoot (verb, noun)**	**an inclined shaft** **to discharge from a weapon; a stem**
cite **sight** **site**	**to assert; to quote from; to subpoena** **vision, the power to see** **a location or position**
classic **classical**	**important; fundamental** **having to do with Greek or Roman antiquity; pertaining to eighteenth- to nineteenth-century music**
clause **claws**	**in grammar, a group of words containing a subject and verb; part of a**

	contract an animal's nails
click clique	a sound a group
climactic climatic	having to do with the climax having to do with the climate
close (verb, adjective) clothes	to shut (pronounced like *rose*); nearby (pronounced like *dose*) apparel
coarse course	rough, lacking in fineness of texture; crude a class; a path
colander	(see *calendar*)
colonel kernel	an officer in the military a seed
complement compliment	completing part of an order praise
confidant confident	someone confided in certain, sure
connote denote	to suggest, imply *Example: A growling dog connotes danger.* to be a sign of *Example: Certain clouds*

	denote rain on the way.
consent	(see *assent*)
continual continuous	repeated but with breaks in between; chronic *Example: The continual problem of our car not starting forced us to sell it.* without interruption in an unbroken stream of time or space *Example: The continuous dripping of the faucet drove me crazy.*
core corps corpse	center or crucial part trained group dead body
cosign cosine	to sign along with a trigonometry term
council counsel (verb, noun)	a group of people meeting for a purpose advise; advice, an attorney
creak creek	a sound a stream
crews cruise	many groups a trip or vacation by sea
criteria criterion	plural of *criterion* a standard for evaluating

	or testing something
cue **queue**	**a hint; a stimulus** **a line of people waiting**
currant **current**	**type of small berry** **up to date**
curser **cursor**	**someone who swears or wishes misfortune on another** **a blinking symbol indicating position on a computer screen**

dam **damn**	**a barrier obstructing the flow of liquid** **a swear word or curse**
dammed **damned**	**blocked from flowing** **doomed**
days **daze**	**twenty-four-hour periods of time** **to stun or overwhelm**
dear **deer**	**affectionate term** **the animal**
denote	**(see *connote*)**
desert (noun,	**a desolate area; to**

verb) dessert	abandon extra *s* for sugary treat
desperate disparate	lost all hope, in despair entirely dissimilar
device (noun) devise (verb)	an invention to invent
dew do due	condensation in the morning to take action owed by a certain date
die dye	to cease to live; the singular of *dice* to stain or color using an agent
different from vs. different than vs. differently than	Rule. Use *different from* not *different than.* *Example: The weather was different from what we expected.* You may use *differently than* when a clause precedes and follows the expression. *Example: He works differently than she does.*
discreet discrete	careful, confidential individual, distinct
discussed disgust	talked over repulsion
does	female deer (plural)

does	**(pronounced like *hose*)** **a form of *to do*** **(pronounced like *fuzz*)**
doughs **doze**	**unbaked loaves of bread** **to sleep**
dual **duel**	**two-fold** **fight**
eager	**(see *anxious*)**
effect	**(see *affect*)**
e.g. **i.e.**	**for example** ***Example: My living expenses have increased, e.g., rent, food, and utilities.*** **that is, in other words** ***Example: My living expenses have drained my finances, i.e., I have less money in the bank at the end of every month.***
eight	**(see *ate*)**
elicit **illicit**	**evoke, extract, draw out** **illegal**
elude	**(see *allude*)**
elusive **illusive**	**difficult to describe, evasive** ***Example: The point of the novel is elusive to me.*** **plausible or possible; deceptive**

	Example: She had the illusive dream of finding happiness by traveling. (plausible, possible) *Example: She had an illusive idea that she was qualified for the job.* (deceptive, delusional)
emigrate immigrate	to exit one country in order to live in another country to enter a new country to live
empathy sympathy	to understand another's feelings to feel compassion or sadness for another
ensure	(see *assure*)
epic epoch	saga a period of time, an age
err	(see *air*)
every day everyday	each day *Example: I learn something new every day.* ordinary *Example: These are my everyday clothes.*
except	(see *accept*)
eye	(see *aye*)
facts	objective data

fax	**short for *facsimile*; technology that sends images by phone**
faint **feint**	**to go unconscious** **pretense**
fair (adjective, noun) **fare**	**impartial; an exhibition** **payment or expense for travel**
fairy **ferry**	**imaginary being possessing magical powers** **type of boat**
farther **further**	**refers to physical distance only** ***Example: We had to walk farther than the map indicated.*** **refers to physical distance like *farther*; moreover; in addition; to a greater extent** ***Examples: We need to discuss this further.*** ***Nothing could be further from the truth.*** ***We had to walk further.***
faux **foe**	**fake, imitation** **enemy, opponent**
faze **phase**	**to perturb or fluster** **a period or situation**

feat **feet**	**an extraordinary act or accomplishment** **twelve-inch increments; appendages at end of legs**
feted **fetid**	**celebrated, honored** **noxious, gross**
fewer **less** **under**	**refers to a number that can be counted** ***Example: Fewer days off.*** **refers to an uncountable amount** ***Example: Less rain, less fear.*** **used for direction** ***Example: Under the mattress,* not *under $100.***
find **fined**	**discover** **penalized**
fir **fur**	**type of tree** **hairy coat of an animal**
flair **flare**	**style** **erupt**
flea **flee**	**insect** **to run away**
flew **flu** **flue**	**past tense of *fly*, to have moved through the air with wings** **a virus** **part of a chimney**
floe **flow**	**sheet of floating ice** **pour, proceed, spew**

flour **flower**	**grain** **the bloom of a plant**
for **fore** **four**	**preposition** **ahead** **the number after *three***
forego **forgo**	**to go in front of, precede** **to do without**
foreword **forward**	**introduction to a book written by someone other than the author** **opposite of *backward***
fort **forte**	**a military fortification** **someone's strong point, talent**
forth **fourth**	**forward** **number after *third***
foul **fowl**	**offensive, disgusting** **certain birds**
frees **freeze** **frieze**	**releases** **to make cold** **a decorative band on the wall**
further	**(see *farther*)**
gait **gate**	**a manner of walking or stepping, stride *Examples: trotting, galloping, limping*** **barrier**
gilt **guilt**	**gold-covered** **blame**

gone **went**	**used with *has* or *have*** ***Examples: Ella has gone to the store.*** ***Barry and Ella have gone to the beach.*** **past tense of *go*** ***Examples: Ella went to the store.*** ***Barry and Ella went to the beach.***
gored **gourd**	**stabbed with a horn or tusk** **hard-shelled fruit**
gorilla **guerrilla**	**largest of the apes** **soldier using surprise raids; irregular tactics**
graft **graphed**	**attach; acquisition of money dishonestly** **diagrammed**
grate **great**	**a cover or partition of parallel or crossed bars** **excellent**
grill **grille**	**method of cooking; barbecuing** **an openwork barrier for a gate**
groan **grown**	**a low, mournful sound of pain or grief** **to have increased in size**
guessed **guest**	**conjectured, offered an opinion**

	company, honoree
guise **guys**	**appearance or assumed appearance** **men**
hair **hare**	**what grows on one's head and body** **rabbit**
hall **haul**	**passageway or large room** **to pull, drag, or lower**
halve **have**	**divide into two** **to possess**
hangar **hanger**	**shed or shelter for housing airplanes** **something to hang a garment on in the closet**
haut/haute **hoe**	**high-class, fancy as in haute couture (pronounced *oh* or *oht*)** **flat-bladed gardening tool**
have vs. of	***should've, could've,* and *would've* are contractions for should *have, could have,* and *would have*. No such wording as *should of, could of, would of***
hay **hey**	**dried grass** **interjection used to call attention**
heal **heel**	**to alleviate or cure** **back part of the foot;**

	scoundrel
healthful **healthy**	**something that promotes health** ***Example: Organic food is thought to be healthful.*** **to have good health**
hear **here**	**to listen; to give an official hearing** **in this spot**
heard **herd**	**listened** **a flock of animals**
heir	**(see *air*)**
heroin **heroine**	**a narcotic derived from morphine** **female admired for courage or ability**
hi **high**	**a greeting, informal for *hello*** **elevated**
higher **hire**	**more elevated** **to pay for services**
him **hymn**	**pronoun referring to male person or animal** **song in praise of religious deity**
hoard **horde**	**stockpile, amass** **a large group, crowd**
hoarse **horse**	**cracked voice** **animal**

hoes **hose**	**flat-bladed gardening tools** **a flexible tube for conveying liquid**
hole **whole**	**an opening** **entire, complete**
holy **wholly**	**religious** **entirely, completely**
hostel **hostile**	**boarding house or inexpensive lodging** **antagonistic**
hour **our**	**sixty minutes** **possessive pronoun**
I	**(see *aye*)**
idle **idol** **idyll or idyl**	**not active; unemployed** **someone admired** **interlude, breathing space; romance, fairy tale**
i.e.	**(see *e.g.*)**
I'll	**(see *aisle*)**
illicit	**(see *elicit*)**
illude	**(see *allude*)**
illusion	**(see *allusion*)**
illusive	**(see *elusive*)**
immigrate	**(see *emigrate*)**
imply **infer**	**to indicate without being explicit** **to conclude from evidence**

in **inn**	**preposition; inside** **small hotel**
inc. **ink**	**abbreviation for *incorporated*** **fluid in pens**
incite **insight**	**to prompt to action** **understanding, comprehension**
incredible **incredulous**	**astonishing** ***Example: Her gymnastic moves were incredible.*** **skeptical** ***Example: Citizens are incredulous about the reason for the increase in the price of gas.***
ingenious **ingenuous**	**clever** **naive or simple**
innocence **innocents**	**to be without guilt** **people who are without guilt**
insure	**(see *assure*)**
irregardless **regardless**	**no such word exists** **in spite of, without regard**
isle	**(see *aisle*)**
it's **its**	**contraction for *it is* or *it has*** ***Example: It's for a good cause.*** **possessive pronoun**

	Example: The cat hurt its paw.
jewel **joule**	**gem** **in physics, a unit of work or energy**
karat	**(see *carat*)**
kernel	**(see *colonel*)**
key	**(see *cay*)**
knead **kneed** **need**	**work with bread dough** **hit with one's knee** **to require**
knew **new**	**past tense of *know*, to have understood** **opposite of *old***
knight **night**	**a soldier in the Middle Ages** **period between sunset and sunrise**
knot **not**	**interlacing of cord or rope** **used to express negation**
know **no**	**understand, comprehend** **a negative to express dissent**
knows **nose**	**understands** **part of the body one smells with**

lacks **lax**	**is deficient in** **slack, easy-going**
ladder **latter**	**the thing with rungs that you climb** **the second of two** ***Example: If given a choice between vanilla and chocolate ice cream, I'll take the latter.***
lain **lane**	**past participle of *lie* as in *lie down*** **narrow road or passage**
lay vs. lie	**lay vs. lie chart**

	Present	Past	Participle (A Form of Have)
To recline	lie, lying	lay	has/have/had lain
To put or place (verb followed by an object)	lay, laying	laid	has/have/had laid
To tell a falsehood	lie, lying	lied	has/have/had lied

Examples in the Present Tense:
I like to lie down for a nap at

	2:00 p.m. ***I am lying down for a nap today.*** ***The hens lay eggs.*** ***The hen is laying eggs.*** ***I am tempted to lie about my age.*** ***I am not lying about my age.*** ***Examples in the Past Tense:*** ***I lay down for a nap yesterday at 2:00 p.m.*** ***The hen laid two eggs yesterday.*** ***He lied on the witness stand.*** ***Examples with a Participle (has, have):*** ***I have lain down for a nap every day this week.*** ***The hen has laid two eggs every day this week.*** ***He has lied each day on the witness stand.***
lead **led**	**a metal element (pronounced like *red*); present tense of *led* (pronounced like *seed*)** **guided, past tense of *to lead***
leak **leek**	**unintended discharge of liquid or gas** **type of onion**
lean (adjective, verb) **lien**	**not fatty; to incline** **a claim on property to secure debt payment**
leased **least**	**rented** **smallest in size or amount**

less	**(see *fewer*)**
lessen **lesson**	**to make less** **a unit to be learned or studied**
lie **lye**	**a falsehood; present tense of *lie down* (see *lay vs. lie* chart above)** **a caustic substance**
lightening **lightning**	**to make lighter** **a brilliant electric spark in the sky**
loan **lone**	**something lent for temporary use** **only, solitary**
loose **lose**	**opposite of *tight*** **opposite of *win*; misplace**
Mach **mock (adjective, verb)**	**ratio with the speed of sound: Mach 1 = the speed of sound Mach 2 = twice the speed of sound** **artificial; ridicule**
made **maid**	**created** **cleaning lady**
mail **male**	**correspondence** **masculine; opposite of *female***
main **mane**	**primary, chief, leading** **long hair on the back of a horse or lion**
maize **maze**	**corn** **labyrinth**
mall **maul**	**plaza, focal point** **abuse, claw**
manner **manor**	**behavior** **palatial residence**
marquee **marquis**	**canopy, shelter; projection over a theater entrance** **aristocrat, nobleman**

marry **merry**	**to wed** **cheerful**
marshal (verb, noun) **martial**	**assemble; a judge** **militant, aggressive**
may	**(see *can*)**
meat **meet (verb, noun)** **mete**	**animal flesh used for food** **to connect, touch; an event** **administer, allot**
medal **meddle**	**decoration, badge** **to interfere unwantedly**
metal **mettle**	**earth element** **boldness**
mind (noun, verb) **mined**	**intelligence; obey** **excavated to extract ores**
miner **minor (noun, adjective)**	**one who excavates to extract ores** **someone under legal age; small**
missed **mist**	**failed to hit** **fog, fine spray**
moan **mown**	**lament; sound of suffering** **cut grass**
mode **mowed**	**method, manner** **to have cut grass**
mood **mooed**	**an emotional state** **the sound a cow made**
moose	**an animal**

mousse	**type of dessert**
morning **mourning**	**start of the day, between night and afternoon** **sorrow over someone's death**
muscle **mussel**	**fibrous tissue** **edible marine bivalve**
mustard **mustered**	**yellow condiment** **assembled, gathered**
naval **navel**	**pertaining to ships** **belly button, umbilicus**
need	**(see *knead*)**
new	**(see *knew*)**
night	**(see *knight*)**
no	**(see *know*)**
none **nun**	**not one, not any** **female member of a religious order**
nose	**(see *knows*)**
not	**(see *knot*)**
number	**(see *amount*)**
oar **or** **ore**	**a blade for rowing** **conjunction** **metal-bearing mineral or rock**
odd	**(see *awed*)**
of	**(see *have*)**
on to vs. onto	**Use *onto* if you can add *up* before *on*.** ***Examples: He climbed (up) onto the roof.*** ***She held on to her child in the crowd.***
one	**single unit**

won	**past tense of *win***
oral	**(see *aural*)**
ordinance **ordnance**	**a law** **military weapons and ammunition**
our	**(see *hour*)**
overdo **overdue**	**to do to excess** **past due**
packed **pact**	**past tense of *pack*** **an agreement or treaty**
pail **pale**	**bucket** **lacking color**
pain **pane**	**physical or emotional suffering** **a plate of glass or panel**
pair **pare** **pear**	**two of something** **to remove or peel** **type of fruit**
palate **pallet** **palette**	**roof of the mouth; taste** **a low, portable platform** **a range of colors; a board to hold and mix colors**
passed **past**	**past tense of *pass*** **the time before the present**
patience **patients**	**willingness to wait** **people under medical care**
pause **paws**	**a temporary stop** **animal feet**
peace **piece**	**calm** **a portion of something**
peak **peek** **pique**	**top of a mountain** **glance furtively** **to wound someone's pride or to excite interest**
pealed	**rang bells**

peeled	removed a layer
pedal peddle	foot-operated lever to sell, hawk, or dispense
peer pier	person who is an equal a structure extending out over water
perpetrate perpetuate	to commit, as in a crime to prolong or sustain *Example: The myth that the sun revolved around the earth was perpetuated for centuries.*
phase	(see *faze*)
pi pie	3.1416, the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter baked food filled with fruit or meat
pistil pistol	female organ of a flower type of gun
plain (adjective, noun) plane	not fancy; evident; simple; treeless area of land a flat or level surface; short for *airplane*
pleas please	cries for help; appeals a polite word; to satisfy
plum plumb	a type of fruit perpendicular
pole poll	a long, cylindrical piece of wood or metal a collection of opinions; survey
pore pour	small hole to send liquid flowing
praise	express approval

prays **preys**	**makes requests to God** **hunts for food; victimizes**
precedence **precedents** **presidents**	**priority** **examples, criteria** **chief executives**
presence **presents (noun, verb)**	**appearance, being present** **gifts; offers**
presumption	**(see *assumption*)**
pries **prize**	**looks closely; wedges open** **award or reward**
principal (noun, adjective) **principle**	**head of school; chief; of first importance** **fundamental belief**
profit **prophet**	**gain** **predictor, seer**
pros **prose**	**professionals, experts** **literature**
quarts **quartz**	**units of liquid measure (four quarts to a gallon)** **a mineral**
quay	**(see *cay*)**
queue	**(see *cue*)**
rain **reign** **rein**	**water that falls in drops from the sky** **rule, administration** **bit, harness**
raise	**lift up**

raze	**flatten, tear down completely**
rap (noun, verb) **wrap**	**a type of music; to strike sharply** **to enclose in a covering**
rapped **rapt** **wrapped**	**struck sharply** **fascinated** **enclosed in a covering**
read **red**	**present and past tenses of *to comprehend writing*** **a color**
real **reel**	**actual, authentic** **stumble, falter**
recede **reseed**	**to move back, withdraw** **to seed again**
reek **wreak**	**to smell bad** **to cause trouble *wreak havoc***
regardless	**(see *irregardless*)**
rest **wrest**	**relax** **take from**
retch **wretch**	**vomit** **lowly being, scoundrel**
review **revue**	**survey** **a satirical show**
right **rite** **write**	**correct; opposite of *left*** **ritual, ceremony** **to compose letters or words**
ring **wring**	**sound of a bell; jewelry worn around a finger** **to twist**
road **rode** **rowed**	**street, path, highway** **past tense of *ride*** **past tense of *row***
roe	**fish eggs**

row	**aisle (pronounced like *oh*); propel with an oar (pronounced like *oh*); fight (pronounced like *wow*)**
role **roll (noun, verb)**	**part in a play or film** **a bun; to rotate**
roomer **rumor**	**one who rents a room** **innuendo, gossip**
root **rout** **route**	**base of a plant** **defeat (pronounced *rowt*)** **path (pronounced like *root* or *rowt*)**
rot **wrought**	**decay, decompose** **accomplished**
rote **wrote**	**by memory, formula** **past tense of *write***
rude **rued**	**impolite, unmannerly** **regretted, repented**
rye **wry**	**seed from a grain** **mocking, ironic, droll**

sacks **sax**	**large bags** **saxophone**
saver **savor**	**one who saves** **to appreciate a taste**
scene **seen**	**a view, a setting** **to have viewed with eyes**
scent	**(see *cent*)**

sea **see**	**a body of salt water** **to view with eyes**
seam **seem**	**line formed by pieces of fabric sewn together** **appear**
sear **seer** **sere**	**scorch, burn, or char** **one who sees (as in the future)** **withered, dry**
seas **sees** **seize**	**bodies of salt water** **views with eyes** **to grab hold of**
seed	**(see *cede*)**
sell	**(see *cell*)**
semiannual	**(see *biannual*)**
sensor	**(see *censor*)**
sent	**(see *cent*)**
serf **surf (noun, verb)**	**slave** **breaking waves; to ride a surfboard**
serial	**(see *cereal*)**
set **sit**	**one sets a thing** ***Example: Please set the table.*** **one sits oneself** ***Example: Please sit down at the table.***
sew	**to stitch**

so **sow**	**in the manner indicated** **to scatter or plant seed**
sewer **suer**	**a conduit for carrying off waste** **one who sues**
shear **sheer**	**to cut** **transparent**
shoe **shoo**	**foot attire** **interjection used to scare away an animal**
shoot	**(see *chute*)**
sic **sick**	**a Latin term used to indicate that something written is intentionally left in the original form, which may be incorrect.** ***Example: She wrote, "They made there [sic] beds."*** **ill**
sics **six**	**attacks** **a number**
sight	**(see *cite*)**
sign **sine**	**an indication** **a trigonometry term**
since	**see *because***
sink **synch or sync**	**to submerge; to descend to a lower level; where you wash dirty clothes** **to synchronize, to coincide or**

	match up
site	(see *cite*)
slay sleigh	kill snow vehicle, sled
sleight slight	cunning, skill slender, of little substance
slew slough	past tense of *slay* swamp (pronounced *slew* or *slau*)
soar sore	to fly at great height in pain
soared sword	flew at great height a bladed weapon
sole soul	bottom of foot; lone the spiritual part of humans
some sum	a certain unspecified number the total from adding numbers
son sun	male offspring star that is the central body of the solar system
sonny sunny	diminutive of *son* lit or warmed by the sun; cheerful
spade spayed	digging tool to have removed the ovaries of an animal
staid	solemn, serious

stayed	**remained, waited**
stair **stare**	**step** **to look without blinking**
stake **steak**	**a pole** **cut of meat**
stationary **stationery**	**in one place** **writing paper**
steal **steel (noun, adjective)**	**rob** **iron alloy; determined**
step (verb, noun) **steppe**	**moving by lifting the foot; degree** **vast grasslands**
stile **style**	**turnstile, passageway** **fashion**
straight **strait**	**not curved or bent** **narrow passage of water connecting two bodies of water**
succor **sucker**	**relief, assistance** **fool**
suede **swayed**	**leather finished with a soft, napped surface** **past tense of *sway*; persuaded**
suite **sweet**	**a connected series of rooms** **opposite of *sour***
summary **summery**	**an abstract or brief account** **of the summer**

sundae **Sunday**	**ice cream with syrup** **day of the week**
sympathy	**(see *empathy*)**
tacks **tax**	**short nails** **percent of earnings paid to the government**
tail **tale**	**hindmost animal appendage** **story**
take	**(see *bring*)**
tare **tear (verb)**	**allowance for the weight of packaging** **rip, pull apart**
taught **taut**	**past tense of *teach*** **tightly stretched**
tea **tee**	**a beverage** **a peg from which a golf ball is hit**
team **teem**	**group playing on the same side in a game** **swarm**
tear (noun) **tier**	**salt water coming from eyes when sad (pronounced like *ear*)** **a row or layer**
tense **tents**	**nervous strain** **portable shelters used for camping**
than	**used for comparison**

then	**indicates time, answers *when***
their **there** **they're**	**possessive pronoun** **location** **contraction for *they are***
threw **through**	**past tense of *throw*** **in one end and out the other**
throes **throws**	**agonizing struggles** **tosses, hurls**
throne **thrown**	**royal seat or office** **was tossed**
thyme **time**	**herb of the mint family** **past, present, future** **sequences of events**
ticks **tics**	**parasites; sounds of a clock** **facial twitches**
tide **tied**	**ebb and flow of the ocean** **past tense of *tie***
to **too** **two**	**in the direction of, toward;** **used with the infinitive form of** **verbs (*to go, to run, to hit*)** **also, to an extensive degree** ***Example: It is too hot to jog.*** **the number after *one***
toad **toed** **towed**	**similar to a frog** **having a toe** **pulled, hauled**
told **tolled**	**said** **sounded a bell**

tort **torte**	**a breach of contract** **a rich cake made with little or no flour**
tracked **tract**	**followed** **an extended area of land; a political or religious pamphlet**
troop **troupe**	**a body of soldiers** **a group of traveling performers**
vain **vane** **vein**	**excessively concerned about one's appearance** **a blade moved by wind as in *weather vane*** **blood vessel**
vary **very**	**to change or alter** **extremely**
verses **versus**	**lines of poetry** **as compared to another choice; against**
vial **vile**	**small container for holding liquids** **repulsive, depraved**
vice **vise**	**bad habit; immoral practice** **device used to hold an object firmly**
wade **weighed**	**to walk through water** **to have put on a scale**
wail **whale**	**mournful cry** **marine mammal**

waist **waste**	**narrowest part of the human torso (usually)** **to squander or spend uselessly**
wait **weight**	**to be available or ready** **quantity of heaviness or mass**
waiver **waver**	**a relinquishment of some right** **to feel indecisive; vary**
warn **worn**	**to notify** **carried on the body; deteriorated**
warrantee **warranty**	**person who is given a written guarantee** **written guarantee**
way **weigh**	**direction** **to measure mass**
weak **week**	**lacking strength** **seven days starting with Sunday**
wear **where**	**to carry on the body** **in what place?**
weather **whether**	**state of the atmosphere in a location** **if**
weave **we've**	**to interlace thread or yarn to make a fabric** **contraction for *we have***
went	**(see *gone*)**
were	**past tense of *are***

we're	**contraction for *we are***
wheeled **wield**	**moved on wheels** **to exercise power; to handle a weapon effectively**
which **witch**	**what one?** **sorceress**
while **wile**	**during or in the time that** **a trick to fool, trap, or entice**
whine **wine**	**complaining cry** **fermented grape juice that becomes an alcoholic beverage**
whined **wind** **wined**	**past tense of *whine*, complained** **what one does to keep a watch ticking on time (pronounced like *kind*); air current (pronounced like *sinned*)** **to supply with wine**
whirled **world** **whorled**	**spun rapidly** **planet Earth** **shaped like a coil**
whole	**(see *hole*)**
wholly	**(see *holy*)**
who's **whose**	**contraction for *who is*** ***Example: Who's at the door?*** **possessive case of *who*** ***Example: Whose coat is this?***
won	**(see *one*)**

wont (adjective, noun) **won't**	**accustomed; habit** **contraction for *will not***
wood **would**	**tree trunk material** **expressing an intention** ***Example: I would if I could.***
wrap	**(see *rap*)**
wrapped	**(see *rapt*)**
wreak	**(see *reek*)**
wrest	**(see *rest*)**
wretch	**(see *retch*)**
wring	**(see *ring*)**
write	**(see *right*)**
wrote	**(see *rote*)**
wrought	**(see *rot*)**
wry	**(see *rye*)**
yoke **yolk**	**harness for oxen** **yellow center of an egg**
yore **you're** **your**	**long past** **contraction for *you are*** **possessive pronoun**

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